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ALLOTMENT OF PETROL RETAIL OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the existing procedure for allotment of petrol retail outlets;

(b): whether the public sector oil companies have formulated any marketing plan for allotment of petrol retail outlets during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c): if so, the details thereof;

(d): the number of petrol retail outlets allotted by each public sector oil company during the said Plan so far, State-wise; and

(e): the steps taken to meet the targets fixed for the said Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): The public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and IBP Co. Limited, have framed guidelines for selection / appointment of retail outlet (RO) dealerships (petrol pumps), LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships, and have been making selections in terms of these guidelines. These guidelines provide for a detailed procedure to be followed by the OMCs in making selection of dealers/ distributors. The procedure includes selection of dealers / distributors by the selection committee of the OMC concerned on the basis of evaluation of the suitability of the candidates vis-Ã -vis certain laid down parameters.

(b)&(c): After the announcement of the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism in the petroleum sector w.e.f. 1.4.2002, the OMCs make their own marketing plans for setting up of new ROs on yearly/ bi-yearly basis. There is no target for the Tenth Plan Period for setting up ROs. Details of the State-wise marketing plans for setting up of new ROs, formulated by OMCs, are available with Director (Marketing) of the OMCs concerned.

(d) : During the period of the Tenth Five Year Plan, i.e., 2002-2007, the public sector OMCs have so far allotted 14,493 ROs in the country.

(e) : The OMCs have not fixed any Tenth Plan target for allotment of ROs.